

DETAILED ACTION

1. The Amendment filed by Applicant on 06/16/2009 has been entered.

Response to Amendment/Arguments

2. Applicant's amendment and arguments filed on 06/16/2009 have been fully considered and they are found persuasive.

3. The rejection of claims 1 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention is withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter/Reasons for Allowance

4. Claims 1-9 are allowed.

5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The closest prior art located or identified by the Examiner is Yagi et al., JP 2000-191880 (hereinafter "Yagi"), Morikiyo et al., JP 11-236551 A (hereinafter "Morikiyo") and Kempf et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,231,799 (hereinafter "Kempf"). The cited references are each directed to gaskets for

refrigerator. However, none of the reference has the composition components claimed in the present invention.

6. As of the date of this Notice of Allowability, the Examiner has not located or identified any reference that can be used singularly or in combination with another reference including Yagi, Morikiyo and Kempf to render the present invention anticipated or obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art.

7. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert D. Harlan whose telephone number is (571) 272-1102. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thu, 10 AM - 8 PM.

9. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David W. Wu can be

reached on (571) 273-1114. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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